



## Fay Michael "Mike" Sullivan

June 15, 1947 - April 17, 2025

Fay Michael "Mike" Sullivan, age 77 of Mattoon, IL passed away on Thursday, April 17, 2025, at his residence in Mattoon, IL.

A funeral Mass in his honor will be held at 10:00 AM, Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 320 N. 21st Street, Mattoon, IL 61938. A committal service will immediately follow at Calvary Cemetery in Mattoon, IL. Military Rites will be conducted by VFW Post 4325. The visitation will be held from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Monday, April 21, 2025, at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938.

Mike was born on June 15, 1947, in Terre Haute, IN to the late Charles F. and Mary C. (Holmes) Sullivan. He married Linda B. Sims on July 25, 1970, in Mattoon, IL. She survives and resides in Mattoon, IL. He is also survived by two children, Beth L. Weiss and husband Nathan of Lockport, IL, Ben M. Sullivan of Mattoon, IL; two brothers, Tim Sullivan and wife Rebecca of Ellijay, GA, Dan Sullivan and wife Priscilla of Mattoon, IL; two sisters, Jody Sniff and husband Don of Pueblo, CO, Anna Cook and husband Gary of Mattoon, IL; one grandchild and two step grandchildren; brothers-in-law, Roger Sims and wife Sami, Ken Sims and wife Janette, Joe and Bill Sims; sisters-in-law, Mary and Johna Sims. Mike was preceded in death by three brothers, Pat, Frank, and John Sullivan; one sister, Mary Alice Ames; and five brothers-in-law, Bob, Eddie, Ron, and Dick Sims, and Roger Ames.

Mike was a proud veteran of the United States Navy and served during the Vietnam era as a Navy Seabee. He was a faithful member of the Immaculate

Conception Catholic Church in Mattoon, IL where he was an usher for many years. He received his bachelor's degree in Ag Industries from the University of Illinois in Champaign, IL. Mike worked at Consolidated Communications in Mattoon, IL for numerous years. He later took a position at Verizon Wireless, as a District Manager Direct Business Sales in Central IL; and retired from the Illinois Eastern Community Colleges as the Director of the Small Business Development Center.

With an unwavering commitment to his community, Mike held numerous memberships and affiliations that include: serving on the Lake Land College Board of Trustees for thirty-seven years; Illinois Community College Trustee; Lake Land Alumni Association; Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 4325 and Honor Guard; American Legion, Knights of Columbus for fifty-four years; Mattoon Area Pads Community Organization; City of Mattoon Housing Committee; City of Mattoon Planning & Zoning Committee; and School Board member for St. Mary's Catholic School in Mattoon, IL. For many years, he was the PTA President at Humboldt School and was a volunteer firefighter for Humboldt Township Fire Department in Humboldt, IL.

Fueled by his passion for veterans, animals, and the community he loved, he was instrumental in obtaining the Veterans Memorial at Lake Land College, the restoration of the Army tank at Peterson Park, and establishing the Mattoon Community Dog Park all in Mattoon, IL. As a student at Lake Land College, he served as the Student Government President and started the annual Spring Carnival.

Mike's greatest joy was found in the presence of his loved ones. He was a pillar of his family and cherished by not only his immediate family but by his extended family as well. He will be deeply missed but his spirit of love, family, and community will be an inspiration to all.

Memorial donations in his honor may be made to the Lake Land College Foundation, 5001 Lake Land Blvd., Mattoon, IL 61938, or the Knights of Columbus, 320 N. 20th Street, Mattoon, IL 61938.

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eralhome to light a virtual candle in his honor or share a memory with the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

Mattoon, IL 61938

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **21**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home Ltd.  
1200 Wabash Ave  
Mattoon, IL 61938  
(217) 234-8828  
contact@mitchelljerdan.com  
<https://www.mitchell-jerdan.com/>

## Service

APR **22**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
320 N 21st St  
Mattoon, IL 61938-2731  
(217) 235-0539

# Tribute Wall

MM

“ Mike was one of the most generous friends with the most positive disposition a person could ever know. I’m going to miss Mike’s subtle humor, wise reflections and authentic empathy. My sincere and deepest condolences to Mike’s family.

Mark Myers

Mark Myers - April 25, 2025 at 12:43 PM

TR

“ Linda and family...Mike was a wonderful classmate and friend. A person to be counted on no matter the situation. Please know we all will miss him dearly..Tom Reichart

Tom Reichart - April 24, 2025 at 02:14 PM

BC

“ Bob Udell and Your Friends at CCI purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Fay Michael "Mike" Sullivan.



Bob Udell and Your Friends at CCI - April 23, 2025 at 02:21 PM

RS

“ Mike and I were in Vietnam about the same time, me a Marine, he a Seabee. I spent a night with him on New Year's Eve 1967. We spoke on the phone and recalled that time. Our prayers and condolences to all. Semper Fidelis, cousin.

Ray Sullivan - April 23, 2025 at 07:18 AM

KS

“ Linda,  
I am sorry for your loss. I got to know Mike when I worked for Lake  
Land College. May God comfort you during this difficult time.  
Karen Sampson

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**Karen Sampson** - April 21, 2025 at 04:04 PM

TF

“ The Noga family purchased the Emerald Garden  
Basket for the family of Fay Michael "Mike"  
Sullivan.



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**The Noga family** - April 21, 2025 at 01:49 PM

TF

“ The Noga family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Fay Michael "Mike"  
Sullivan.

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**The Noga family** - April 21, 2025 at 01:49 PM

BJ

“ To Mike's Family,  
My sympathies for your loss. I first met Mike when I attended an  
ICCTA state meeting almost 20 years ago as a recently elected  
trustee at Kishwaukee College. He was welcoming, shared his  
insights, and became a good friend. He will be missed by many. He  
was a true "Servant Leader".  
Bob Johnson

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**Bob Johnson** - April 21, 2025 at 12:18 PM



“ 54 files added to the album Life Tributes



Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home - April 21, 2025 at 11:24 AM



“ I worked with Mike in Peoria. He was a great leader and a wonderful guy. My condolences to his family.

Kristi Russell - April 21, 2025 at 09:53 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Fay Michael "Mike" Sullivan.



April 20, 2025 at 09:31 PM



“ The Lohman Family purchased the Serene Retre at for the family of Fay Michael "Mike" Sullivan.



The Lohman Family - April 20, 2025 at 03:25 PM

TF

“ The Lohman Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Fay Michael "Mike" Sullivan.

The Lohman Family - April 20, 2025 at 03:25 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Fay Michael "Mike" Sullivan.



April 20, 2025 at 07:05 AM

CO

“ Dear Linda and family,  
I was saddened to read late this evening from an ICCTA communication that Mike had passed. When I was first elected to the Elgin Community College Board in 1995 and attended ICCTA, Mike was one of the trustees I looked up to. He captured my attention right away with his insightful remarks laced with humor in a low-key delivery and a lot of common sense. He was always focused on what was in the best interests of the students and as far as the inner workings of ICCTA, building leadership and camaraderie. He has truly left a legacy of community college leadership, both for Lakeland and the ICCTA. Please accept my heartfelt condolences.

Clare M. Ollayos, D.C.

Clare M Ollayos - April 20, 2025 at 01:26 AM

RH

“ *In meetings, when Mike spoke everyone listened. Great Guy for sure. Rudy Huber*

**rudy huber** - April 19, 2025 at 05:49 PM

TS

“ *Tim And Rebecca Sullivan sent a virtual gift in memory of Fay Michael "Mike" Sullivan*



**Tim and Rebecca Sullivan** - April 19, 2025 at 04:12 PM

CS

“ *Linda, Ben, Beth, Tim, Dan, Jody, Anna, and Sullivan and Holmes cousins, nieces and nephews, My heart aches for the loss of your beloved husband, father, brother, uncle and cousin. Mike was a wonderful brother to Frank and wonderful brother-in-law to me. His loss is immeasurable to the entire family, Church and community and his love for family, deep faith and positive impact will live on in our hearts forever. May you find peace, joy, pride and love in your memories of Mike. Love to you all, Carol Sullivan*

**Carol Sullivan** - April 19, 2025 at 02:37 PM

TS

“ *Timothy And Rebecca Sullivan lit a candle in memory of Fay Michael "Mike" Sullivan*



**Timothy and Rebecca Sullivan** - April 19, 2025 at 12:42 PM



“ *Full Heart was purchased for the family of Fay Michael "Mike" Sullivan.*



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April 19, 2025 at 11:48 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Fay Michael "Mike" Sullivan.

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April 19, 2025 at 11:48 AM



“ *Having the privilege of being on a board with Mike I would like to say that I've never known a person who loved his family and community more than Mike. He will always be remembered.  
Sincerely, Becky craig*

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**Rebecca Craig** - April 19, 2025 at 09:55 AM



“ *Sandy purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Fay Michael "Mike" Sullivan.*



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**Sandy** - April 18, 2025 at 11:57 PM

SA

“ Sandy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Fay Michael "Mike" Sullivan.

Sandy - April 18, 2025 at 11:57 PM

AC

“ Linda, Ben, Beth and family,  
I love you all. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this sad and difficult time. Mike will be deeply missed. Please let me know if you need anything at all.  
Love,  
Amy Lewis Crump



Amy Crump - April 18, 2025 at 08:25 PM

AG

“ Angie and Jeff Gibbs purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Fay Michael "Mike" Sullivan.



Angie and Jeff Gibbs - April 18, 2025 at 06:29 PM

AG

“ Angie and Jeff Gibbs planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Fay Michael "Mike" Sullivan.

Angie and Jeff Gibbs - April 18, 2025 at 06:29 PM

LC

“ Love: Tabitha Cacheris purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Fay Michael "Mike" Sullivan.



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Love: Tabitha Cacheris - April 18, 2025 at 01:42 PM

LC

“ Love: Tabitha Cacheris planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Fay Michael "Mike" Sullivan.

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Love: Tabitha Cacheris - April 18, 2025 at 01:42 PM

RS

“ Rosemary S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Fay Michael "Mike" Sullivan.

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Rosemary S. - April 18, 2025 at 01:20 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Fay Michael "Mike" Sullivan.



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April 18, 2025 at 01:18 PM

MS

“ His dedication to Lake Land College will be forever remembered by all of the individuals he interacted with. He truly made a difference and was always eager to provide support for innovative ideas. I had the privilege to speak with him many times over the years. His legacy will live on. - Marcy Satterwhite, Lake Land College faculty member 1997-present.

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**Marcy Satterwhite** - April 18, 2025 at 01:00 PM

MG

“ Melinda G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Fay Michael "Mike" Sullivan.

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**Melinda G.** - April 18, 2025 at 11:53 AM